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President:	Mr. Mahugu	(Kenya)
Members:	Chile	Mr. Larraín
	China	Mr. Liu Jieyi
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz
	Egypt	Mr. Elaraby
	France	Mr. Thiebaud
	Guinea-Bissau	Mr. Cabral
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Poland	Mr. Wlosowicz
	Portugal	Mr. Monteiro
	Republic of Korea	Mr. Choi
	Russian Federation	Mr. Fedotov
	Sweden	Mr. Liden
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Richmond
	United States of America	Mr. Richardson

Agenda

The situation in the Great Lakes region

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The meeting was called to order at 7.35 p.m.

Expression of welcome to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

The President: I should like at the outset of the meeting to extend, on behalf of the Council, a warm welcome to the new Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, His Excellency Ambassador Bill Richardson. We look forward to cooperating with him in the Council's work.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in the Great Lakes region

Letter dated 18 February 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1997/136)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Zaire, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Lukabu Khabouji N'Zaji (Zaire) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the letter dated 18 February 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, document S/1997/136.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1997/137, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Members of the Council have received photocopies of a letter dated 16 February 1997 from the Chargé d'affaires *ad interim* of the Permanent Mission of Zaire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, which will be issued as document S/1997/138.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1997/137) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Chile, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Kenya, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1097 (1997).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 7.40 p.m.